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Mark Your Calendar

Town Hall Offices Closed For Holidays

Friday, December 22nd Monday, December 25th Monday, January 2nd We apologize for any inconvenience.

Garbage Pickup

Delayed one day the weeks beginning with Monday, Dec. 25 and Monday, Jan. 1

Happy Holidays!

Inside...

Don't forget to check out the Town's Web site:
www.tn.norway.wi.gov

From Your Town Treasurer

By Tom Kramer, Norway Treasurer

Property Tax collection is upon us once again. Tax bills are mailed to the property owner in mid-December. Property tax payments can be made either by mail, in person at the Town Hall, or at the First Banking Center if you are a customer of theirs and have a savings or money market account with them, or use our new drop box located in front of the main entrance of the Town Hall. This year collection will start as soon as you receive your tax bill. To avoid long lines, pay mid-week, later in the day, or use our new drop box. Escrow checks that are over the amount due will be issued a refund check and mailed within ten days.

Tax Collection Days at the Town Hall are listed below:

December 18-21 – During normal business hours in the main office

December 26-29 – 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

December 30 – 9:00 a.m. to Noon

January 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25 - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

January 27 – 9:00 a.m. to Noon

January 29-31 – 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please remember when paying your property tax bills and sewer bills, you need to make two separate checks.



Our new drop box is a convenient way to pay tax and sewer bills.



Thank You Town of Norway!

There are approx. 5300 registered voters in the Town of Norway. On November 7th, 3,571 of these voters let their voices be heard by voting. In this number, we had 272 people vote early or by absentee ballot and eight people voted on our new touch screen machine on election day. Our poll workers registered approximately 370 people that day. Thank you to everyone who voted and a special thank you to our incredible election officials. Your patience and caring made this election event happen



almost without a hitch (and you made those few hitches seem like planned 'oops' moments). I cannot say thank you enough. I hope you know how much you are appreciated.

For anyone who still needs to register because you are new to the Town or re-register because you have moved or changed your name, come to the clerk's office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

In 2007, we have the potential for 2 elections – one in late February and the other at the beginning of April. Avoid lines and register early.

Back to Reality: Tax time is coming soon. We usually mail tax bills mid-December. Your tax bill contains the school district number you need when you file your income tax form. A quickie reference: Muskego-Norway is 3857; Drought Elementary is 4011; North Cape Elementary is 4690; Washington-Caldwell is 6104; and, Waterford

Elementary is 6113. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 895-6335.

Happy Holidays to all! Don't forget to license your dogs in 2007.

- Camille and Pat, Clerk's Office

2007 Dog Licenses Available Soon

The 2007 Dog licenses will be available in the Clerk's Office the last week in December. The fees for license are \$5 for altered and \$10 for unaltered dogs. A late fee will be charged after March 31, 2007.

Owners must present a current Certificate of Rabies vaccination when the license is purchased. Cats are not required to be licensed, but it is still important to have them immunized.

You can either stop in at the Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or mail a check, the rabies vaccination certificate along with a **stamped, self-addressed envelope** to: Town of Norway, 6419 Heg Park Rd., Wind Lake, WI 53185, and a tag will be sent back to you.

Rabies Clinics

Countryside Humane Society located at 2706 Chicory Rd., Racine, is offering canine and feline rabies and distemper vaccination clinics for the following dates: December 7, December 21; and March 10, 2007 held @ Union Grove Village Hall, 925 – 15th Ave., Union Grove, WI 53182

Fees: Rabies, one year = \$10, three year = \$20, Distemper, \$10

Please bring your drivers' license or other picture ID with you. NO checks. For more information please call Countryside Humane Society @ (262) 554-6699 or visit their Web site at:s www.countrysidehumanesociety.org.

Wind Lake Lions Club News

The Wind Lake Lions Club takes this opportunity to thank the community for supporting their fund raising efforts: the Annual Car Show, Chicken Barbecue, and Craft Show and the food and beverage sales at the Street Fairs. The funds raised allow the club to support local and international needs.

Preventing blindness and helping blind and visually impaired individuals are important goals of Lions clubs - originating when Helen Keller called on Lions to be "Knights of the Blind" in 1926. Lions club members meet this challenge in many ways. Locally, by collecting used eyeglasses, assisting needy community members to get needed eye care and eyewear, and increasing awareness of diabetes and diabetes retinopathy.

Camping opportunities for blind and visually impaired youth and adults are offered at the Wisconsin Lions Camp free of cost each summer. The camp also offers sessions for deaf and hard of hearing youth and adults and for mild/borderline cognitively disabled youth. To learn more about these camping opportunities contact the camp at: info@wisconsinlionscamp.com or at 715-677-4969.

The Club donates funds to Lions International to prevent blindness and improve eyesight throughout the world. Since 1990, Lions have improved eye care for more than 100 million people and has prevented vision loss or restored vision in more than 24 million people.

Racine County Emergency Management

www.racineco.com/emergencymanagement/preparedness.aspx

Racine County Emergency Management launched a new Preparedness Campaign in 2006. There is a different area of emphasis each month. The emphasis in November is Winter Safety.

Winter is right around the corner and with winter comes cold, freezing temperatures and snow, sometimes lots of snow. Winter storms can also be very dangerous but these storms are considered DECEPTIVE KILLERS because most deaths are indirectly related to the storm. People die in traffic accidents on icy roads, of hypothermia from prolonged exposure to cold and heart attacks from overexertion. Because winter storms are a seasonal reality for us, November 13-17, 2006 has been designated as Winter Awareness Week. Therefore, we are asking everyone to take a few minutes to learn more about winter storms and steps you can take to prepare yourself.

Dress for the Weather

- Wear several layers of loose fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. The outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent.
- Wear mittens, which are warmer than gloves.
- Wear a hat. Half your body heat loss can be from the head.
- Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.

If you are caught in a winter storm, you can take the following steps:

Outdoors

 Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack—a major cause of death in the winter. If you must shovel snow, stretch before going outside.

- Cover your mouth. Protect your lungs from extremely cold air by covering your mouth when outdoors. Try not to speak unless absolutely necessary.
- Keep dry. Change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.
- Watch for signs of frostbite. These include loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes, and the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately.
- Watch for signs of hypothermia.
 These include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion.
- If symptoms of hypothermia are detected:
- get the victim to a warm location
- remove wet clothing
- put the person in dry clothing and wrap their entire body in a blanket
- warm the center of the body first
- give warm, non-alcoholic or noncaffeinated beverages if the victim is conscious
- get medical help as soon as possible.

Driving

- Drive only if it is absolutely necessary. If you must drive, consider the following:
 - Travel in the day, don't travel alone, and keep others informed of your schedule.
- Stay on main roads; avoid back road shortcuts.
- If a blizzard traps you in the car:
- Pull off the highway. Turn on hazard lights and hang a distress flag from the radio antenna or window.
- Remain in your vehicle where rescuers are most likely to find you.
 Do not set out on foot unless you

By David Maack

- can see a building close by where you know you can take shelter. Be careful; distances are distorted by blowing snow. A building may seem close, but be too far to walk to in deep snow.
- Run the engine and heater about 10 minutes each hour to keep warm.
 When the engine is running, open a downwind window slightly for ventilation and periodically clear snow from the exhaust pipe. This will protect you from possible carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Exercise to maintain body heat, but avoid overexertion. In extreme cold, use road maps, seat covers, and floor mats for insulation. Huddle with passengers and use your coat for a blanket.
- Take turns sleeping. One person should be awake at all times to look for rescue crews.
- Drink fluids to avoid dehydration.
- Be careful not to waste battery power.
 Balance electrical energy needs the use of lights, heat, and radio with supply.
- Turn on the inside light at night so work crews or rescuers can see you.
- If stranded in a remote area, stomp large block letters in an open area spelling out HELP or SOS and line with rocks or tree limbs to attract the attention of rescue personnel who may be surveying the area by airplane.
- Leave the car and proceed on foot
 if necessary once the blizzard passes.

For more information on emergency preparedness, contact Racine County Emergency Management at 262-636-3515 or check out our website at www.racineco.com/emergencymanagement/preparedness.aspx.



Town of Norway Sanitary District #1

Sewer Bills Up.... But Wait? By PJ Nolan, Sanitary District Manager

The bill that you receive from the Norway Sanitary District in March of next year will be increased by \$8.00 per unit, per quarter for the next 3 years. However, the Sanitary District will not be keeping this money. We will be passing it on to the Racine County Board of Drainage Commissioners as part of their 3 year, \$600,000 budget. People of the Norway Sanitary District were assessed over \$240,000 or 40% of this budget figure. This money is used to maintain the drainage canals, aid in repairing the Rochester Street Bridge, operate the Rochester dam, and pay for the other expenses of running a drainage district. Due to the limitations of our computer billing program, this breakout will not be shown on your bills. With the current charge of \$81.00 per unit per

quarter, this will bring the total charge for a single-family home to \$89.00, or \$356.00 per year but this is for sewer and drainage. After these 3 years are up, we have no idea as to what will happen then.

The District submitted its annual chloride report to the Wisconsin DNR in September. Unlike other years, we had no exceedence of the 680 parts per million target value in our permit. This is mostly due to consistent precipitation we have received throughout the year. I attended a chlorides seminar in Waukesha and was now told what I have been telling the DNR all along. "You can't just look at the concentration, but check the total pounds also." They now seem to recognize that during dry times that the concentration will rise but your total pounds will stay the same. Its just

not as diluted. Winter is just around the corner and that means salt for ice control. Studies done in Oconomowoc have shown that this is a big contributor when the melting begins in the spring and also during heavy rains when it is washed out of the ground on shoulders of roads that were salted heavily over the winter. The majority still comes from our water softeners though, so this may be a good time to check on or replace them to get the utmost efficiency for your salt dollar.

Address: 6419 Heg Park Road, Wind Lake, WI 53185 Phone: Office 262-895-6400

Plant 262-895-2400 Fax 262-895-2480

Norway Neighborhood Watch

Home Improvement Scams

In the last two weeks, Investigator Rose Gordon, Consumer Fraud Investigator for the Sheriff's Dept., received a complaint of questionable business practices against a blacktop paving company, out of Racine, from a Norway resident. The company address is a mailbox at a shipping storefront. The contractor showed up at the elderly complainant's door, stating they had "extra" blacktop, and would pave their driveway for a good price. After the work was done and the payments made, the homeowner thought they might have been scammed or paid too much. The cost was over \$5,000. In this case there was nothing law enforcement could do, as the contract was signed, work

performed, and payment made. Luckily for the homeowner, there was actually work completed. However, there was no way to know if it was a good price, as the homeowner did not get any other bids. Also, there is a question of quality of workmanship.

When you need home improvements, get several bids from local businesses, and ask for references. Good businesses will always provide references and written bids. Ask your friends or neighbors who they would recommend to do the work. Look in the local phone book or paper or ask the Chamber of Commerce for registered businesses and call the Better

Business Bureau for a rating on the business. Also, don't pay for the repairs until they are completed satisfactorily.

The main point here is, reputable businesses usually won't go door-to-door, offering "special deals" if you act right now. Take your time and do your research before agreeing to have any work done, whether it's roofing, basement waterproofing, driveways, or yard work.

And please pass this along to your neighbors, friends, and family.

- Inv. Kevin Brown
Racine County Sheriff's Dept.
262-636-3363

Norway Rec Department

By Joanne Aeschliman, Recreation Coordinator

Incredible! The business community and residents really made the Town's Community Picnic a huge success! If you were not one of the 600 + people at Meyer Park on that beautiful day in September to enjoy all of the free events, join us next year! Everyone had a wonderful time! Thanks to Bruce & Doreen Fredrick for creating and constructing games, setting up the event in the pouring rain and spending countless hours making the picnic a success. Also, thanks to Tom Kramer, Bob Helback & Dave Hendrix for volunteering for the dunk tank. They were good sports and helped raise money for the event. Please take a moment to read the thank you ad on page 7 in this newsletter, acknowledging all of the businesses that participated, and please acknowledge and support them!

Thank you to Sarita Schaeder of Leaving Prints for her assistance with the Scrap and Stamp Fest. Visit her Web site at www.blessedscrapper.com. Thank you to Dawn Hendrix and all of the vendors for making the Nov 11th Fashion Show a success! Thank you to artist Val Ladwig for her assistance with the Nov 18th Art Show and all of the vendors that attended! Watch for photos in the next newsletter!

Once again the children of Norway have behaved so well throughout the year that Santa wants to make a special visit to the Norway Town Hall on Dec 2, from 1-4pm. Doreen and I guarantee you won't want to miss this year! Join the Rec Dept along with the Wind Lake Lions, Chamber of Commerce, Little VIP Childcare, Neighborhood Watch and the Racine County Sheriff's dept as we transform the Colonel Heg Hall into a Winter Wonderland. Children will visit with Santa, purchase gifts for family members at the Secret Santa, make ornaments, ice cookies, and make their very own gift-wrap.

Best regards, Joanne 895-6180/recdept@wi.rr.com



Mr. And Mrs. Claus greet the good boys and girls at last years' holiday event.

Wind Lake Youth Baseball Registration

Registration for Wind Lake Youth Baseball will be held at the Meyer Park Barn located at: 27257 Meyer Drive, Wind Lake, WI 53185 on the following dates:

Monday, February 12 – 6-8:00 p.m. Saturday, February 17– 2-5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 21 – 6-8:00 p.m.

Flag Football Champions



The Bengals: 2006 Flag Football Senior League Champions
Photos provided by Sport Photo of Whitewater



The Buccaneers: 2006 Flag Football Junior League Champions



Fighting Back Against Identity Theft By Chief Hanrahan

Common Ways ID Theft Happens

Skilled identity thieves use a variety of methods to steal your personal information, including:

- 1. Dumpster Diving. They rummage through trash looking for bills or other paper with your personal information on it.
- 2. Skimming. They steal credit/debit card numbers by using a special storage device when processing your card.
- Phishing. They pretend to be financial institutions or companies and send spam or pop-up messages to get you to reveal your personal information.
- Changing Your Address. They divert your billing statements to another location by completing a "change of address" form.
- 5. "Old-Fashioned" Stealing. They steal wallets and purses; mail, including bank and credit card statements; pre-approved credit offers; and new checks or tax information. They steal personnel records from their employers, or bribe employees who have access.

Deter

Identity theft is a serious crime. It occurs when your personal information is stolen and used without your knowledge to commit fraud or other crimes. Identity theft can cost you time and money, destroy your credit and ruin your good name.

Deter identity thieves by safeguarding your information.

- Shred financial documents and paperwork with personal information before you discard them.
- Protect your Social Security number.
 Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet or write your Social Security number on a check. Give it out only if absolutely necessary or ask to use another identifier.
- Don't give out personal information on the phone, through the mail, or over the Internet unless you know who you are dealing with.
- Never click on links sent in unsolicited emails; instead, type in a web address

- you know. Use firewalls, anti-spyware, and anti-virus software to protect your home computer; keep them up-to-date. Visit OnGuardOnline.gov for more information.
- Don't use an obvious password like your birth date, your mother's maiden name, or the last four digits of your Social Security number.
- Keep your personal information in a secure place at home, especially if you have roommates, employ outside help, or are having work done in your house.

Detect

Detect suspicious activity by routinely monitoring your financial accounts and billing statements.

Be alert to signs that require immediate attention:

- Bills that do not arrive as expected
- Unexpected credit cards or account statements
- Denials of credit for no apparent reason
- Calls or letters about purchases you did not make

Inspect

- Your credit report. Credit reports contain information about you, including what accounts you have and your bill paying history.
- The law requires the major nationwide consumer reporting companies— Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion—to give you a free copy of your credit report each year if you ask for it.
- Visit www.AnnualCreditReport.
 com or call 1-877-322-8228, a service
 created by these three companies, to
 order your free credit reports each year.
 You also can write: Annual Credit
 Report Request Service, P.O. Box
 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281.
- Your financial statements. Review financial accounts and billing statements regularly, looking for charges you did not make.

Defend

Defend against ID theft as soon as you suspect it.

- Place a "Fraud Alert" on your credit reports, and review the reports carefully. The alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures before they open new accounts in your name or make changes to your existing accounts. The three nationwide consumer reporting companies have toll-free numbers for placing an initial 90-day fraud alert; a call to one company is sufficient:
 - Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
 - Experian: 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742)
 - -TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289

Placing a fraud alert entitles you to free copies of your credit reports. Look for inquiries from companies you haven't contacted, accounts you didn't open, and unexplainable debts on your accounts.

- Close accounts. Close any accounts that have been tampered with or established fraudulently.
 - Call the security or fraud departments of each company where an account was opened or changed without your okay.
 Follow up in writing, with copies of supporting documents.
 - Use the ID Theft Affidavit at ftc. gov/idtheft to support your written statement.
 - Ask for verification that the disputed account has been closed and the fraudulent debts discharged.
 - Keep copies of documents and records of your conversations about the theft.
- File a police report. File a report with law enforcement officials to help you with creditors who may want proof of the crime.
- Report the theft to the Federal Trade Commission. Your report helps law enforcement officials across the country in their investigations.
 - Online: ftc.gov/idtheft
 - By phone: 1-877-ID-THEFT (438-4338) or TTY, 1-866-653-4261
 - By mail: Identity Theft Clearinghouse,
 Federal Trade Commission,
 Washington, DC 20580

Source: Federal Trade Commission

Waubeesee Lake Protection District

Annual Meeting Held

The Waubeesee Lake Protection District annual meeting was held on October.14, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. at the Norway Town Hall. There was a nice turnout with 35 resident members that attended. Accomplishments for 2006 were reviewed, plans for 2007 outlined, and the budget for the upcoming year was approved.

In addition, a resolution to increase the board from 3 to 5 Commissioners was passed by the membership. Elections were then held. The Commissioners are Bob Konowolski (re-elected) Chairman, Kathy Villars Treasurer & Web Master,

Joe Bieringer Secretary, and two newly elected Commissioners: Mike Caveney and Dennis Mielke.

Our Web master introduced our new web site to the membership and gave a demonstration of the useful information we have on it and how it works. Check out the web site, including some great photos (both new and historic), at: www. waubeeseelake.com

Fish Population on Waubeesee Lake

Other noteworthy news includes the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has sampled the fish

population in Lake Waubeesee. Six minifyke nets were fished on Sept. 1. Per Doug Welch of the DNR, the results provided no surprises. Fish sampled were largemouth bass, bluegill, rock bass, warmouth, yellow perch, northern pike, bowfin, lake chubsucker, grass pickerel, and longnose gar. The DNR planned to sample the fish again in late October, 2006 by electrofishing.

Grant for Aquatic Survey

And a final note, we are pleased to let lake residents know that we did get the grant from the state for the Aquatic Weed Study to be undertaken in 2007.





Norway Calendar of Events

Saturday	Santa's Winter Wonderland – Town Hall
Saturday December 24:00 p.m	Tree Lighting – Town Hall
Tuesday December 56:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m	Snowmobile Safety Class - Town Hall
Wednesday December 67:30 p.m	Planning Commission Town - Hall
Thursday December 76:00 – 9:00 p.m	Snowmobile Safety - Town Hall
Saturday December 98:00 – 11:00 a.m	Snowmobile Safety - Town Hall
Monday December 11 8:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting - Town Hall
Monday December 187:00 p.m	Police Commission - Town Hall
FridayDecember 22All Day	
Monday December 25All Day	Town Hall Closed
MondayJanuary 1All Day	Town Hall Closed
MondayJanuary 88:00 p.m	Town Board Meeting - Town Hall
MondayJanuary 225:00 – 6:00 p.m	Immunization Clinic - Town Hall
TuesdayJanuary 237:00 p.m	Historical Society - Town Hall
ThursdayJanuary 257:30 p.m	Long Lake Protection Dist Mtg Town Hall
ThursdayJanuary 257:30 p.m	Wind Lake Management District-Town Hall
MondayJanuary 297:00 p.m	Racine County Lakes – Town Hall
Wednesday January 316:00 p.m	Planning Commission – Town Hall
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Monday February 126:00 – 8:00 p.m	Wind Lake Youth Baseball Reg-Meyer Park
Monday February 128:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting - Town Hall
Saturday February 172:00 – 5:00 p.m	Wind Lake Youth Baseball Reg-Meyer Park
TuesdayFebruary 207:00 a.m8:00 p.m	Primary Election (IF NEEDED)
Wednesday February 216:00 – 8:00 p.m	Wind Lake Youth Baseball Reg-Meyer Park
Thursday February 227:30 p.m	Wind Lake Management District-Town Hall
Tuesday February 277:00 p.m	Historical Society - Town Hall
Wednesday February 287:30 p.m	Planning Commission - Town Hall

Norway Public Works Dept

By Wayne Myers, Norway DPW Foreman

Parking – The Town's ordinance prohibits parking on all town roads and roadsides between 1:00-6:00 a.m., from November 15th to March 15th. Our police will ticket any and all illegally parked vehicles.

Garbage Containers – If it is snowing and the snow plows are working on garbage pick-up days, please place your garbage containers in your driveway, NOT in the roadway or on a snow bank.

This way the plows will not damage your containers or scatter garbage, and we can do a better job of snow removal.

Snowplowing – The Department of Public Works will endeavor to do the best job possible, so please be patient and courteous to our plowers.

Your help in these matters will be greatly appreciated. Please call the Town Garage at (262) 534–3025 with any questions or for more information.

Reminder:

Snowmobile Safety Class to be held first week in December. Please see calendar for dates. Call instructor Mark Grobarchik at (262) 781-0640 to reserve a spot in the class.

Town of Norway 6419 Heg Park Road Wind Lake, WI 53185



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